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1. SUMMARY. BASIS FOR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON ALL GATT REFORM TOPICS FROM VIEWPOINT OF ALL PRINCIPAL TRADING COUNTRIES. BRINGING "FRAMEWORK PACKAGE" TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION (VIS-A-VIS LDC'S IN PARTICULAR) WILL BE A MAJOR TASK DURING COMING MONTHS. END SUMMARY.

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2. OVER THE COURSE OF PAST TWO WEEKS, NEGOTIATING DOCUMENTS ON ALL FRAMEWORK TOPICS EMERGED WHICH, IN THE JUDGMENT OF 16 COUNTRIES ENDORSING THE JULY 13 MTN DECLARATION (REFTEL), CONSTITUTE THE "BASIS ON WHICH . . . A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED." REACTIONS OF KEY LDC'S HAVE BEEN AMBIGUOUS TO POSITIVE ON VARIOUS TEXTS; NO DIRECT BLOCK REMAINS TO ANY TEXT (EXCEPT FOR MEXICAN AND PAKISTANI OPPOSITION ON EXPORT CONTROLS).
3. SEPTELS WILL REPORT CURRENT STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON EACH TOPIC IN DETAIL; SUMMARY ASSESSMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

A) DISPUTE SETTLEMENT. ALL KEY DC AND LDC DELS EXCEPT EC EXPLICITLY ACCEPTED CURRENT NEGOTIATING TEXT (MTN/INF/29/REV. 1) AS BASIS FOR AGREEMENT. EC THIS WEEK IMPLICITLY ACCEPTED TEXT BY USING IT IN MODIFIED FORM U.S.-EC SUBMISSION IN SUBSIDIES/CVD CODE.

B) ENABLING CLAUSE/RECIPROCITY/GRADUATION. ALL DC'S AGREED TO COMMON "PROPOSAL ON DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE TRADING SYSTEM" (MTN/INF/32). PROGNOSIS GIVEN IN GENEVA 10494 (NOTAL) RE LDC REACTION FULLY VERIFIED JULY 12, ALTHOUGH SOME LESS-ADVANCED LDC'S (NIGERIA, JAMAICA) ACTUALLY ENDORSED "GRADUATION" CONCEPT AND NO RPT NO LDC DIRECTLY OPPOSED TEXT.
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C) BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS REFORM. AS REPORTED GENEVA 9983 (NOTAL), KEY DC AND LDC DELS ACCEPTED CURRENT NEGOTIATING TEXT (MTN/INF/25/REV.1) AS GENERAL BASIS FOR AGREEMENT. EC AND JAPAN CONTINUE TO RESIST EXISTING LANGUAGE ON TWO CRUCIAL POINTS--BUT DURING WEEK BOTH INDICATED RECEPTIVITY TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD SOFTEN DC "ABSTENTION PLEDGE" AND MAKE LEGALIZATION OF NON-QRS LESS PROVOCATIVE.

D) EXPORT CONTROLS. ALL DC'S INCLUDING CANADA AND AUSTRALIA HAVE NOW ACCEPTED REVISED TEXT (MTN/INF/20/REV.1) AS NEGOTIATING BASIS. SOME LDC'S (MEXICO, PAKISTAN) OPPOSED BUT OTHERS SUCH AS BRAZIL CAREFULLY HEDGED REMARKS TO SUGGEST EVENTUAL SUPPORT IF SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS FOR LDC'S INCLUDED IN TEXT.

COPIES OF ALL TEXTS MENTIONED ABOVE HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON JULY 12 BY COFFIELD, STR.

4. FULL PLENARY SESSION OF FRAMEWORK GROUP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 21, DURING WHICH DC AND LDC DELS LIKELY TO COMMENT

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ON "THE PACKAGE" WITH VARYING DEGREES OF ENTHUSIASM.

5. COMMENT: MTN DEL BELIEVES ACCORD ON FRAMEWORK TEXTS--NOTWITHSTANDING SEVERAL CRUCIAL ADJUSTMENTS TO BE MADE OVER CMING WEEKS--REPRESENTS A SUBSTANTIAL STEP TOWARDS ACHIEVEMENT OF U.S. OBJECTIVES IN REFORMING THE INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF WORLD TRADE. SECURING BROADLY-BASED SUPPORT FOR FRAMEWORK PACKAGE AMONG LDC'S WILL REQUIRE PAINSTAKING EFFORTS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. GIVEN CURRENT NEGOTIATING DYNAMICS, HOWEVER, A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THIS FACET OF THE MTN SHOULD ULTIMATELY BE FEASIBLE. END COMMENT.

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